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MEMORANDUM FOR: Industry Members, State, and NOAA Fisheries Personnel with Special Interest in the Menhaden Fisheries

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SUBJECT: Status Purse-Seine Landings of Gulf and Atlantic Menhaden for the 2020 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2020 Gulf menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic menhaden purse-seine landings through the 2020 fishing season. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"<sup>1,2</sup> and metric tons (also for 2019 and 2015-2019 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Gulf Menhaden</u></b>						
Moss Point,	Total Standard Fish:	1,361,814	1,602,434	-15.0%	1,639,994	-17.0%
Empire, Abbeville	Total Metric Tons:	413,855	486,980		498,394	
<b><u>Atlantic Menhaden</u></b>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	410,015	496,297	-17.4%	461,950	-11.2%
	Total Metric Tons:	124,631			140,387	

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<sup>1</sup> To convert to pounds, multiply by 670

<sup>2</sup> To convert to metric tons, multiply by 0.3039